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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 14, 2002
FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION
FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is filed in response to the January 14, 2002 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 14, 2002 Final Office Action was originally due on April 14, 2002. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time from April 14, 2002 to May 14, 2002 for filing a response. The fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity is \$55.00, and a check for this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the subject application. No claims have been added, canceled or amended herein. Thus, claims 1-8 are still pending and under examination.

In view of the arguments below, applicants maintain that the

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